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A/SY FOR TERRANOVA; SCA FOR DEWITT; EA/EX FOR MORAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CVIS ASEC AFSP
SUBJ: INVESTIGATION POSSIBLE MALFEASANCE

REF: STATE 178105, SEOUL 6318

1. AS SCA AWARE EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONCERNED FOR SOME TIME ABOUT PERSISTENT BUT UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS OF MALFEASANCE BY KOREAN EMPLOYEES IN ISSUANCE OF IMMIGRANT AND NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS.

2. ON JULY 20 A KOREAN VISA APPLICANT MADE STATEMENT TO ACTING RSO DUGAN THAT HE HAD PAID KOREAN CONSULAR EMPLOYEE FOR VISA ASSISTANCE. THIS VISA APPLICANT MADE REFERENCE TO KOREAN-AMERICAN THEN VISITING KOREA WHO ALSO WAS KNOWLEDGEABLE OF ALLEGATIONS OF MALFEASANCE AMONG KOREAN EMPLOYEES IN CONSULAR SECTION.

3. DUGAN SUBSEQUENTLY INTERVIEWED KOREAN-AMERICAN JUST PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO HAWAII. KOREAN-AMERICAN, PASTOR OF KOREAN CHURCH IN HAWAII, STATED THAT, WHILE HE HAD NO DIRECT EXPERIENCE WITH MALFEASANCE, HAD HEARD MANY ALLEGATIONS OF SUCH FROM HIS KOREAN-AMERICAN CONGREGATION IN HAWAII.

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4. EMBASSY IS MOST INTERESTED IN PURSUING ALLEGATIONS OF MALFEASANCE. TO DATE THE KOREAN-AMERICAN PASTOR'S STATEMENT IS THE BEST LEAD FOR INVESTIGATION OUTSIDE THE CLOSED KOREAN ENVIRONMENT.

5. IN EMBASSY'S OPINION IMPORTANT THAT ACTING RSO DUGAN, WHO ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH PASTOR, SERVE TO INTRODUCE

PASTOR AND AGENT WHO WILL PURSUE INVESTIGATION.
DUGAN TO CARRY PICTURES OF CONSULAR STAFF FOR USE BY
INVESTIGATOR.

6. STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER POSITION
INDICATED STATE 178105 AND APPROVE EMBASSY'S PROPOSAL.
SUGGEST SY AND SCA COORDINATE RESPONSE.

7. DEPARTMENT MAY NOT BE AWARE THAT ALL UNCLASSIFIED
COMMUNICATIONS ARE PROCESSED BY KOREAN EMPLOYEES. IN
VIEW SENSITIVITY OF SUBJECT ALL COMMUNICATIONS ON THAT
SUBJECT SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED. DEPARTMENT MAY DECLASSIFY
EMBASSY'S COMMUNICATIONS UPON RECEIPT.
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